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This is in response to the action taken by examiner Marky M. Kidd (dated 05/08/2003) rejecting all claims pertaining to this patent application.

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Our application claims the priority of provisional application # 60/195,347. This priority was not given to us even though a letter was sent (copy of that letter is attached again with this letter) stating this priority request with our non-provisional application filing. It appears that the letter was just ignored by the USPTO. A copy of that letter is attached here for your reference. This is important because this proves that we had an earlier filing date (our date would then be 04/10/2000) than Shawn Thomas Segur's application (US 6,212,550 dated 04/2001) - which has been referenced in Marky M. Kidd's "actions" and has been granted a patent. If Segur with a later filing date has been granted a patent, we, with an earlier filing date, should also be granted a patent.

We do not agree with several of the explanations given by Marky M. Kidd while rejecting our claims. However, amendments in claims and specifications have been made and are being resubmitted for your kind consideration. We have no amendments to figures at this point.

The claims have been reformatted in a logical flow and in one-sentence formats claiming uniqueness in methods used in this invention. Ambiguous terms, such as, "etc." have been removed and redundant use of parenthesis have also been removed.

We also strongly disagree with explanations provided by the patent examiner while rejecting our claim number 3, which pertains to "automatic escalation of delivery of messages". The examiner admits that the other inventors (Fortman) are "silent" on this topic and also cites a different idea of escalation from Segur (who, as stated above, has a later filing date than ours). While Segur's system does escalation based on urgency in the callers voice or the caller choosing a higher priority, our invention does automatic escalation based on a pre-selected hierarchy of chosen messaging devices. This is totally different and is NOT obvious contrary to explanation given by the examiner (ref: examiner's "DETAILED ACTION" document - page 6). Therefore, 35 U.S.C (103)a as cited by the examiner does not apply here and it appears that the examiner is giving undue credit to other inventors.

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✓ 33 Pages of specifications amendments
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Please re-examine our application and you will realize that the invention methods described in the application is indeed unique.

Thank you so very much!

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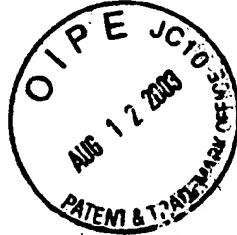
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Dear Sir/Madam:

WE had filed a "Provisional Patent" (Application number: 60/195,347 and Filing Date 04/10/2000). A copy of the receipt is attached with this letter for your reference.

We are now sending you our non-provisional specifications and drawings. Please process these documents honoring the date when we had filed the provisional patent application (04/10/2000).

Thank you.



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This letter shows & proves that we referenced our provisional patent with our non-provisional filing.